CITY POST OFFICE IS NEARLY

SWAMPED.

Letters in Greater Quantity Than Ever

Before, Also Packages of

Every Description.

The Christmas season rush of mail at the city post office has already begun, and the local office is swamped with packages ad-

dressed to people in Washington as well as

with parcels going out of the city to the

dear ones away from home. This year the rush began early. There is no denying the

general prosperity of the country, the post

office officials say, when the present condi tion of the mails is taken into considera-

tion. Usually the rush begins about the 20th and continues until after New Year dåy. Uucle Sam's Santa Claus business is the most extensive of any that is carried on, and as a result the work of the department of posts is increased by as much as

three or four hundred per cent. It becomes necessary for the post office to seek help to handle the enormous mails that come with the Christmas rush, and within the

course of the next few days there will be put on duty a sufficient force to make up 250 days' extra labor. This force will go on duty for about ten days, extending five

days before and five days after Christmas.

Undelivered Packages. Each year there are hundreds of packages

sent out in the mail that are never deliv-

ered. This is not the fault of the post office officials, but the fault of the senders

themselves. The addresses in some in-

country as to the proper method of addressing mail packages. According to the men

who have charge of the work of delivering these packages the senders should follow the following rules: Write the name and address of the person to whom the package is to be delivered plainly on the package; write the name and address of the sender plainly on the package; most important of all, register the package if it is valuable. A registered letter costs just 8 cents more than the regular letter, and Uncle Sam guarantees to deliver the package.

Uncle Sam guarantees to deliver the package safely or pay its value, up to \$25, if it is not delivered and cannot be found. The method of addressing, as recommended by

45 East 23d street, New York.

It is guaranteed by the post office that no letters marked thus will remain undelivered.

The office will not accept responsibility for the delivery of letters improperly addressed.

Letters to Santa Claus.

The usual number of letters have been

received at the post office addressed in

childish scrawls to Santa Claus. Letters

have been received from every section of

the city with various addresses, all de-

signed in some manner or other to reach

Santa by the children who wrote them. All

such letters are sent to the dead letter

office, where attempts are made to return

them, often without avail. The letters are

often pathetic in extreme, and some of the

most ludierous requests are contained in

them also. So far this year none of the letters the contents of which have been

examined by the post office authorities contain requests for coal, that commodity seeming to play but a small part in the list of childish desires.

Major James E. Bell, superintendent of free delivery of the Washington office, has asked that the public he cautioned as to the

asked that the public be cautioned as to the proper use of mail. Major Bell states that

it is not the desire of the post office to

think. He states that the small percentage

of letters that have any clew to the ad-

task is impossible of execution in some in tances. A large force is maintained at the

Washington office, whose sole duty it is to

decipher illegible addresses, and during the Christmas holidays this force is largely

augmented by extra help. Major Bell states that when letters and packages are not de-

livered the senders of the same have only themselves to blame. He points to the rules

he has defined to govern the actions of such persons, and if these are not complied with he does not think he can be held accounta-

THE PUBLIC GROUNDS.

Report on Conditions by Col. Bingham,

Officer in Charge.

Owing to the scarcity of coal, Col. Bing-

ham, the officer in charge of public build-

ings and grounds, says that the elevator at

the Washington monument is run and the

electric lights are in operation only on two

days in the week, Fridays and Saturdays.

On other days visitors make the ascent to

the top of the shaft by the stairways and

illumination is provided by kerosene lamps

water, the consumption of coal for operating purposes has been reduced from 1,200 to 800 pounds a day, and the engine is doing all the work required of it. During the month of November 7,220 persons visit-

Classical Club Entertained.

Monday afternoon, in West Hall of Co-

dents of her student life and travels in

ble for non-delivery.

old letters, as some persons appear

No. 252 A street southeast, Washington, D. C.

the post office officials is as follows: MR. JOHN SMITH,

Sent by William Jones,

stances are wrong and at other times are neglected altogether. There seems to be a general ignorance among the people of the

Furniture is a Gift Worth Giving.

And the stock we've assembled here for Xmas selling anticipates every want one can have in this line.

That we quote you prices unusually low seems to fit right in with the Christmas spirit. At that time more than any other the importance of saving must be considered.

Every day there's some occurrence to emphasize the reasonableness of prices here. One comes to mind that occurred Saturday. We sold a man an easy chair at a price \$17 lower than the same chair was quoted him by the largest furniture store in New York. We hadn't reduced the price, either.



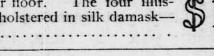






Four Special Corner Chairs at \$10.

Those dainty little chairs form a gift section on the parlor floor. The four illus-Those dainty little chairs form a gift section on the parlor floor. The four illustrated are in mahogany finish, elaborately inlaid, with seats upholstered in silk damask chairs that sell at \$12 at ordinary times. Special at.....





l'abourette, 95c. Pyro-etched Tabourette or Palm Stand-an exceptionally pretty design-well made and fin'shed-95c.



Mahogany Inlaid Table, inch round top and lower \$5.20 Inlaid Mahogany Table, with 20-inch round top and French \$4.80

to boost business.



Morris Chairs, \$6.45.

In mahogany finish, weathered oak and golden oak; elaborately carved; complete with all-hair reversible cushions of our own make and covered in velour. You can see any complete Morris Chair in town at \$12-and we feel assured you'll find the equally as good at a little more than half the price.



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Polished Mahogany Finish Cabinets, 5 ft. high, 30 inches wide, with 2 French bevel plate mirrors, at \$11.75.

Open Wednesday Night and Thereafter.



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Unit Bookcases are utility itself. No matter what size library one has our cases can house it. And as a gift you can select as few or as many units as you want. They'll invariably fit the place convenient for them in the room's plans-for they build in many ways. We alone sell Globe Wernicks Bookcases in Washington.

Other Bookcases We've Reduced.

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F STREET, CORNER ELEVENTH.

Admiral Schley, Capt. Hobson and Representative Crumpacker-

A large audience of colored citizens gathered at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church northwest last night and listened to addresses delivered by Rear Admiral Schley, Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson and Representative Crumpacker of Indiana. The church was decorated with the national colors, and a large choir furnished patriotic

Mr. Judson W. Lyons, register of the treasury, who occupied a seat on the platform with the specially invited guests, was called upon to introduce Representative Crumpacker, the presiding officer. The lat ter after a patriotic hymn was rendered made an address on the colored man in politics. He prefaced his remarks by saying that when an amendment was made to the Constitution giving the colored man the

The Ballot and the Colored Race. The speaker declared that the ballot is a means, and not an end; that there are colored men in this country who would henor any race, and that the great colored race could become home owners and home builders. "The white man is apt to consider himself very important," said the speaker, "but remember that it took 2,000 years to bring him to his present condition of civilization. You have not had your chance, and the colored race must go up or down,

said, "and your race may call upon me as

Capt. Hobson said he had a feeling of esright to feel and to be proud of the blood you have spilled for your country. You must not complain of your social position today. What was your brief servitude compared to the long ages of serfdom in Europe during the dark ages? Your condition today cannot be compared to that of the European peasant.

the colored man in politics. He spoke of the loyalty of the colored satlor, and said

JEWISH CAFE CHANTANT.

France Introduced in New York.

The cafe chantant of Paris is a loadstone to Americans visiting the French capital; but all attempts to introduce it in New York in either French or American form have proven failures. The Germans in the metropolis have long had it in Teutonic form, but it has been as a sort of annex to the beer and cold luncheon business. It is therefore a matter of some surprise to find that the Russian Jews of the East Side have developed it into a prosperous institution.

among Americans. Beer and Cantornian and Hungarian wines are in vogue, and in many may be found vodky or Russian brandy, slivovitch or Rumanian plum brandy, red kummel, Jewish raisin wine,

The food supply includes white, brown, black and unleavened breads, sardines, sardellon, spiced, pickled fish, cheese, meats, potatoes and salads. The material, though

the work being regarded as excessive, it is being done by hired labor. lumbian University, the Columbian Classical Club and a number of invited friends

and humorous allusions to people in the audience are the rule, no coarseness nor indelicacy is permitted—that is to say, indelicacy from a Russian or Austrian point listened to an address on "Five Years in Greek Lands" by Miss Harriet A. Boyd, who was for some time fellow of the Amerdeficacy from a Russian or Austrian point of view. In these countries a kind of humor is employed on the stage which is not tolerated by Americans in places of public amusement. With this exception the performances are attractive in every way. The music is fair and sometimes very good. Jews have a natural taste for music, and Jewish audlences are always critical. Many ican School at Athens and recently won fame in the archaeological world by her successful excavations at Gournia in Crete. Miss Boyd related many interesting inci-Jewish audiences are always critical. Many of the singers and instrumentalists are stuof the singers and instrumentalists are students, who take this means of earning the money to support themselves and finish their musical education. Few of the singers have the lung power or physique necessary to become successful in their calling. By the time they have gained a good technique they either break down and lose their voice, or, what is more frequent, they marry and give up their musical ambitions altogether. decorated by the king in recognition of her services. She also described the archaeologi-cal work now being carried on in Crete by the different nationalities, and mentioned the finding of neolithic remains at a lower level than previous discoveries which seem to confirm the belief that the civilization of

Cabbies and the Languages.

Linguistic cabmen have just appeared in speak foreign languages must moreate on a leather armiet in colors the particular tongues they have mastered—English, French, Italian, Russian, etc. One of the cabmen, a Hungarian, can scarcely find space on his armiet for the inscription of the numerous languages he professes to speak, for there are eight of them!

Thus asks many a poor pain-racked consumptive, catarrh, lung and throat sufferer after weary months or years of untold agony. If you are now asking this question of yourself, try The Slocum System of treating these obstinate diseases, as illustrated below, and learn how satisfactory is the answer. A full FREE and complete course of the four remedies will be sent you.



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INSANITY INCREASING

dresses which are delivered every year shows very conclusively that his force works hard to decipher the addresses on Among Young People Rapidly, Says Alienist.

"Fast living has caused more cases of nental weakness than anything else," said Frederick Richardson of the Bedford Insane Asylum of Bedford, Ill., at the Albany Hotel yesterday afternoon. Mr. Richardson was on his way to Boulder to attend the quarto-centennial celebration. He is engaging the attention of many investi was formerly a resident of Colorado, and gators. stopped over en route from California,

where he has been resting for a month. "Many distressing cases come under our care. I am inclined to believe that more young people are becoming insane every year. This is especially true of young men, and we also have many young women pa-tients. Of course, there are any number of

tients. Of course, there are any number of causes of insanity, but paresis is becoming very common. It seems that young America cannot stand success.

"Drinking and the use of narcotics, principally opium, seems to be the natural result of a rapid rise, then shattered health and insanity. The stock exchange is contributing its quota to the number of insane, and people from every walk in life are placed under our care. We have learn-ed that the normal life is most conducive at the various landings. Col. Bingham says that by reducing the steam pressure on the bollers and decreasing the speed of the engine, together with the use of hot feed water, the consumption of coal for operating purposes has been reduced from 1.200 ed that the normal life is most conducive to the health of brain and body. It will not do to go to either extreme. We have had to care for the sheepherders, who for months at a time did not see a human face on the prairies, and for millionaires who saw too many faces in the maelstrom of

"Too much solitude causes melancholia. A man broods. At first it seems a delight, but that which primarily was only the spice f a misanthropic disposition turns into the

ed the top of the monument, of which num-ber 3,651 used the elevator and 3,569 the ravings of a maniac.

"We have a man at the sanatorium now who was one of the brightest lawyers in Chicago. Dissipation weakened his intellect. He has a sort of delayed conception. For instance, if I should ask him, 'Do you want an apple?' he would reply 'Yes,' and in about half a minute he would ask me if stairways, making a total of 2,198,423 persons who have visited the top since the shaft was opened to the public October 9, Col. Bingham says that he has been in correspondence with the chairman of the executive committee of the G. A. R. encampment in regard to the repair of the damage done to the parks on that occasion. I offered him an apple. He don't seem to understand the import of words when first spoken, but after a slight delay catches on. He suggested that the park laborers perform the work necessary to restore the grounds occupied for G. A. R. purposes to their former condition and that the cost bc "But in many ways insanity increases a person's cunning. I remember a young wo-man we had for several months whose mind was unbalanced by religion. She was the cleverest person to escape from the place you ever heard of. Twice she escaped in defrayed by the G. A. R. committee. In reply he was informed that the committee not only had no funds on hand to meet the expense in question, but was actually behind in cash with which to pay other bills.

Col. Bingham says that his office was therefore obliged to clean the portions of the grounds at its own expense.

Arrangements are being made by Col. men's clothes; she stole the key to the door from the guard and in about forty different ways she kept us busy going after her. But, fortunately, we never had to go very far. She always went to a church. If it was night she knelt on the steps until over-Bingham to raise the height of the stone wall on the north and east sides of the come by sleep. If the church was open she would go inside and pray until we discovtidal reservoir in Potomac Park from three to six feet above mean high tide. Blds for ered her. She never refused to return, but came back peacefully as a lamb."

> RED DEER AND CARIBOU. Unexplained Antipathy of the Latter for the Former.

> the New York Sun. The disappearance of caribou before the invading herds of red or Virginia deer is one of the puzzling facts of natural history. The red deer are not half the size of the caribou, yet it is beyond dispute that even where the latter exist in largest numbers they will rapidly disappear before the ad-

vance of the former. Years ago caribou abounded in the woods of northern Maine and in the province of Quebec. Then the with Turkey, when she served as a volunteer nurse for the Greek soldiers and was graceful little red deer, driven north and west by the wolves, gradually spread into the home of the caribou, and within a sea-son or two the latter had become as scarce

the finding of neolithic remains at a lower level than previous discoveries which seem to confirm the belief that the civilization of Crete and the surrounding islands was native and not Egyptian or Phoenician.

The Columbian Classical Club, under the auspices of which the address was given, was organized three years ago to promote the study and appreciation of ancient life and literature among the students in the college and graduate school of the Columbian University; but the privilege of associate membership has been extended to other friends of archaeology and the classics resident in this city. The officers for the present year are: President, Prof. Mitchell Carroll; recording secretary, Miss Dorothy H. Sipe; corresponding secretary, Miss Dorothy H. Sipe; corresponding secretary, Prof. Charles S. Smith; treasurer, Mr. John Ford. The special subject of study this winter will be the history and results of the excavations at Pompeil.

In their old home as the red deer previously had been.

On the other hand, the north country of Canada, in the neighborhood of Lake St. John and St. Maurice, which formerly supported vast herds of deer, has been completely deserted by them for many years past, though moose and caribou are plentiful. Equally far north, in the Ottawa and Gatineau country, red deer and moose are found in very large numbers, but no caribou. Owing largely, it is supposed, to the increase in the number of wolves, the range of the red deer is rapidly extending to the south and east, and specimens have been seen before for more than a generation. The Indian and other old hunters are almorth of Quebec, where they had not been seen before for more than a generation. The Indian and other old hunters are almorth of Quebec, where they had not been seen before for more than a generation. The Indian and other old hunters are almorth of Quebec, where they had not been seen before for more than a generation. The Indian and other old hunters are almorth of Quebec, where they had not been seen before for more than

caribou tells them that an invasion of their feeding grounds by the deer is due to the pursuit of the latter by wolves, and that K is the horror of these pests which leads them to forsake any territory to which they seem to know that their distasteful neignbors are fleeing for refuge. There are not wanting careful observers among Canadian woodsmer who attribute to jealousy of the little Virginia deer, at the approach of the mating season, the action of the caribou in fleeing with its mate from the company and the country of his gay little rival. The problem is a most interesting one, and

THEY ARE SENSITIVE.

Thieves Rarely Use Their Real Designation, But Say They "Work." "In speaking of and among themselves

hieves and others engaged in illegitimate occupations are sensitive as to their callings, and eschew terms of designation applied to them by the general public," said a headquarters detective this morning. "Thus the thief shrinks from the word

'thief,' as applied to himself, as a cat hesitates to step on a wet place on the pavement. 'Thief' has a harsh and hard sound even to the cars of thieves, and in referring to their companions, or to others engage in stealing, they never call each other, ex-cept in anger, 'thleves' or 'burglars' or

"Suppose we were in a resort frequented by lawbreakers of both sexes. If we asked a known criminal the occupation of some companion at an adjoining table, he would not say, 'Oh, that fellow is a thief,' as I would if the remark were addressed to me. We would be informed, if the man's real occupation was to be revealed, that he worked somewhere—that is, he worked the races, the Coney Island crowds, upper Broadway, or elsewhere, where his regular occupation of a 'pickpocket' or 'sneak thief' could advantageously be followed, but these latter terms would be conspicuous by their absence in the conversation concerning the individual under discussion.

"They work,' don't you see? It is work to them, and so they view it. Sometimes one thief will unbend and call his companion a 'crook,' and 'crook' is the popular generic term among thieves which covers the whole gamut of crime—from housebreaking to pocket picking. 'Crook' doesn't sound so bad as 'thief,' and does not suggest the penitentiary so vividly.
"It is so with female crooks; they all

'work,' and never steal from their stand-point. If the companion of the pickpocket at the table excited our interest, and we asked our informant what she was, we would be told, for instance, if she were a shoplifter, that she 'worked the stores,' which is a difference with a decided distinc tion between working in a store. But if any of them ever 'steal' anything, or make their living by 'stealing,' well, that's a word that is cut out of their vocabulary entirely. They may 'take' a thing, from a brick house to a child's savings bank, but they never 'steal.' 'Take' is the word they use when not indulging in slang; just 'took' a man's watch or a lady's pin, that's all.

"It is the same with professional gam-blers and with all kinds of professionals in crime or in making an illegitimate liveli-hood. No professional gambler will volun-tarily own up to his being a 'gambler.' He 'plays the wheel,' if he is a roulette player; or 'play the bank.' if he is a faro fiend; or 'plays the races,' if he is a pool-room bucker; but as for being 'gamblers', or 'card bucker; but as for being 'gamblers' or 'card sharps' or 'players' among themselves, why, they don't know what these words mean, except when they read them in the news-

of those who live by any means except by honest work. Knowing what they are they remain silent as to themselves, except, as I terms of slang or of proper speech are too vigorous to be used against each other, and the correct title of the llegitimate occupation in which the disputants may be engaged is always the strongest and most cutting epithet which may be uttered. For one sneak thief to call another to his face one sneak thier to call another to his face nothing but a common thief. for instance, with the usual accompanying caprintable adjectives, is a deadly insult, which calls for instant blows and often for blood and the life of one or the other, or both, of the participants in the quarrel."

A Berlin dispatch says: Ambassador Tower had his first meeting with Chancellor von Buelow Monday, to arrange for his formal introduction as am-

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PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE. Columbia Hospital Superintendent

Presents a Request. Dr. J. O. Skinner. medical superintendent of the Columbia Hospital, has written to the District Commissioners asking them to co-operate with him in securing for the institution as economically as possible a complete outfit for protection against fire.

"As this is a government hospital," he says, "I presume it is proper for me, acting in the capacity of medical superintendent. to request your assistance, if practicable, in certain matters pertaining to the fire protection of its buildings before the arrival of the fire department when summoned in case of a fire beyond our control. The authorities of the hospital, appreciating the necessity of all proper precaution in this matter, have directed me to purchase a number of additional chemical fire extin-guishers and take such steps as may be necessary to secure extra fire-alarm boxes for the several buildings of this institution.

market, I received through your courtesy, as well as that of the fire department of this city, information which enabled me to make a proper selection, and the additiona extinguishers will be purchased and suitably placed as soon as possible. Relative to the extra fire alarms I obtained yesterday the following information by 'phone from the fire-alarm office:

"To install in this hospital a fire-alarm box with five auxiliaries would cost \$150 for the alarm box, which when installed would become the property of the hospital, and for each of the auxiliaries the sum of \$10 a year would be charged, it being practicable. So stated to me, to send in from any one of the auxiliaries through the fire-alarm box a call to the department for its assistance when required. The object of this letter is to ascertain whether or not there is not, or can be made, some arrangement at or through your office by which the hospital can obtain these additional facilities for fighting fire at an expense less than that quoted to me from the office of the fire-alarm department, and if this letter will suffice as the initiative in its accomplishment."

The letter has been referred to Commisthe alarm box, which when installed would

necessary to secure extra fire-alarm boxes for the several buildings of this institution. After writing to you recently relative to the merits of the different extinguishers on the several buildings of this institution. After writing to you recently relative to the fire-alarm department. Commissioner West is the ex-officio trustee of the hospital.

COLORED MEN PRAISED

ADDRESSES AT MEETING OF REP-RESENTATIVES OF RACE.

Bravery and Fearlessness.

music. The remarks of the three speakers were frequently interrupted by demonstrations of approval as they spoke of the colored man and of the possibilities of his fu-

rights of citizenship it was one of the best things ever done for the race.

for there is no middle ground." Capt. Hobson was introduced to the assemblage at the conclusion of Representative Crumpacker's address, and was warmly received. In the course of his introductory remarks he said he was brought up by a colored nurse in the southland, who was as tender in her care of him as a matter as tender in her care of him as a mother could be. "During the civil war the col-ored race nobly fulfilled its duty to those of the south left defenseless at home," he long as I live to be to you the truest friend

teem, respect and affection for the colored man. "At Santiago, when I was released, the first American troops I saw were the colored regulars," he said. "You have a right to feel and to be proud of the blood

Victory Before War Began. "Your destiny lies in hard and persistent work. Don't let anybody try to convince you that the victory of the American navy over the Spanish fleets during the war of 1898 was due to the inferiority of the vessels of the latter. We won our fight," Capt. Hobson declared, "before the war be-

gan."
The speaker declared that if the Spanish crews had been as well trained as those manning the boats in the American navy thay could have escaped from the blockade "Libert of Santiago."
Capt. Hobson, in concluding, said if the colored race worked hard as such it could not be prevented from taking its proper place in America.

Admiral Schley also spoke in praise of the colored race, but refrained from discussing

they had amply proved themselves in shed-ding their blood and facing a murderous fire in defense of their country.

An Institution Similar to Those in

From the New York Evening Post.

At least thirty are in operation in the dis-

trict east of the Bowery and 3d avenue, and between Canal and 14th streets. The establishments are nearly all on the ground floor. In some the place is a hall from the front door to the back of the house with a small platform at the rear or on the side, in others the floor is divided into a front and back room, the musical features being given in the latter. Most of the affairs are saloons of the German type, with tables and chairs, a cold luncheon, and a kitchen where hot dishes can be prepared. Coffee, tea, and Russian tea may be obtained in all. Stimulants are used in moderation, and inebriety is very rare. The side, in others the floor is divided into a distillates are not so much in demand as among Americans. Beer and Californian

Jewish honey wine, and Jewish current often coarse, is always good, and the cooking is praiseworthy. The stage performances are given in Yiddish and frequently in English. Vocal solos by black-eyed girls are the main feature, dues are not uncommon; instrumental solos, notably on the violin, are frequent; monologues, fancy dances, vaudeville teams, and specialties

are somewhat in vogue. The patronage is drawn mostly from the neighborhood, so that there is a friendly feeling in the audience. The performers mingle with the latter when not filling their places on the program. A few give mati-nees, but in general the entertainment runs from 7 to 11 in the evening.

While local and timely hits, funny gags,

From the Westminster Gazette.

the streets of Dresden. The police of the place where the china comes from have issued a decree enacting that cabmen who speak foreign languages must indicate on